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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Please enter the following Response in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on December 9, 2004, please enter the following Response. The restriction requirement requires Applicants to elect one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. **Claims 1-15**, drawn to a medical fluid flow system having medical fluid therapy machine, a controller, a first pump and a second pump, and an operator interface, classified in class 604, subclass 65.
- II. **Claims 16-23**, drawn to an operator interface having a display device and a processor, classified in class 604, subclass 67.
- III. **Claims 24-37**, drawn to a therapy method comprising the steps of:

(a) establishing a communication link between a machine for performing a medical fluid therapy and at least one remote pump controller, (b) using the link to synchronize operation of at least one pump housed integrally with the machine with at least one pump located remotely from the machine, (c) enabling an operator to enter a net fluid transfer amount, and